

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 250

In Memory
of
Wilhelmina Daisy Cullen Robertson Smith

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Houston in mourning the loss of longtime University of Houston advocate Wilhelmina Daisy Cullen Robertson Smith, who died January 26, 2009, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, She was born Wilhelmina Daisy Cullen to Hugh Roy Cullen and Lillie Cranz Cullen, a founding family of the University of Houston and its first major benefactors; she earned a bachelor of science degree in 1944 and continued her family's legacy of support for the university; and

WHEREAS, The University of Houston System Board of Regents has approved the construction of a \$38.7 million sports complex to be named the Wilhelmina Robertson Smith Pavilion, which will be located at Robertson Stadium, the building named for Mrs. Smith's first husband, Corbin J. Robertson, Sr., who died in 1991 and had been a strong supporter of early Cougar athletics programs; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith was a life member of the University of Houston Alumni Organization and received a Distinguished Alumni Award in 1989; she received an honorary doctorate from the university in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Wilhelmina Smith was a woman of courage, charm, and generosity of spirit; a dearly loved wife, mother, and grandmother, she leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by all who knew her; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Wilhelmina Daisy Cullen Robertson Smith: her husband, Edgar A. Smith, Jr.; her children, Wilhelmina E. "Beth" Robertson, Lillie T. Robertson, Corbin J. Robertson, Jr., Carroll Robertson Ray, and Alison S. Robertson Baumann; and her grandchildren; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Wilhelmina Daisy Cullen Robertson Smith.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 18, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate